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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2877

INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 4731

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (SMITH, HUNTER)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

1. DEVLIN HAS SEEN COL. UMBA AND STATES UMBA UNDERSTOOD  
AND GAVE EVERY INDICATION OF FAVORING VAGNI MISSION.

2. COL. GERACI, CHEIF, ZAMISH, MET EARLY JUNE 4 WITH  
BRIG. GEN. NGAY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.  
TEXT MEMCON FOLLOWS:

3. QUOTE I VISITED GENERAL NGAY TO EXPRESS THE AMBASSADOR'S  
VIEWS WITH REGARD TO THE RELEASE OF THE CAPTIVE AMERICANS.  
I INFORMED HIM THAT THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES' PRIMARY  
OBJECTIVE WAS THE SAFE RELEASE OF THE US CAPTIVES. IN  
ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS IT WAS NECESSARY TO NEGOTIATE  
AND TO ENTER INTO A DIALOGUE WITH THE BANDITS. WE  
FEEL THAT ANY MILITARY ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME WOULD  
ENDANGER THE LIVES OF THOSE HELD CAPTIVE AND, ACCORDINGLY,  
JUDGE IT BEST TO SEEK A PEACEFUL SOLUTION THROUGH  
NEGOTIATION.

4. GENERAL NGAY WAS MOST PLEASANT, TOOK NOTES DURING MY  
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DISCUSSION AND ASKED ME IF I HAD ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY.

I TOLD HIM NO. HE THEN SMILED AND SAID " BON"--CONSIDER  
THE MESSAGE PASSED TO GENERAL MOLONGYA AND WE WILL MAKE  
EVERY EFFORT TO FOLLOW YOUR PROGRAM.

5. COMMENT: IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT I UNDERSTOOD  
CORRECTLY, I ASKED THE MAJOR FROM DDRSM WHO ACCOMPANIED  
ME IF I HAD UNDERSTOOD CORRECTLY. HE STATED YES, THE  
GENERAL HAD STATED "WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RESPOND  
TO YOUR REQUEST." UNQUOTE.  
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